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GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP URGED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A sweeping declaration in favor of government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines and an assertion that the postal service now is self-supporting, for the first time since 1883, are features of the annual report of Postmaster General Burleson, transmitted today to congress.

Concerning the acquisition of telephone and telegraph lines, Postmaster General Burleson says that the government has demonstrated its capacity to conduct public utilities, and, from his present information, he is inclined clearly to the taking over by the postoffice department of the telegraph lines and, possibly, also, of the telephone lines. Discussing that, the postmaster general says:

"The successful operation of the parcels post has demonstrated the capacity of the government to conduct the public utilities which fall properly within the postal provision of the constitution.

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH. "Every argument in favor of the government ownership of telephone lines may be advanced with equal logic and force in favor of the government ownership of telephone lines. It has been completely decided that a telephone message and a telegram are the same within the meaning of the laws governing the telegraph service and, therefore, it is believed that the statute enabling the government to acquire, upon the payment of an appraisal valuation, the telegraph lines of the country, will enable the government to acquire the telephonic network of the country.

While it is true that the telephone companies have not complied with the requirements of section 5267, revised statutes, this cannot be held to nullify the intent of the law, since the nonuse on the part of the government of any of its constitutional privileges in no wise surrenders the right to exercise these privileges whenever the best interests of the nation demand."

POSTOFFICE EXPENSES. Postmaster General Burleson presents an elaborate statement of the financial operations of the postoffice department, including a discussion of the methods of bookkeeping, which he has changed.

"It is gratifying to report," says he, "that the total expenses of maintaining the postal service for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1913, is found to be exceeded by the revenues for the same period; that there is an actual surplus of \$3,841,906.78; and that the postal service is now, for the first time since 1883, self-supporting."

As to his general financial policy, Postmaster General Burleson says: "The dominant policy of the present administration will be to conduct the postal service for the convenience of the public and not for profit. Its controlling purpose will be to promote efficiency by the complete standardization of the service, which will be attained by harmonizing equipment, adjusting the personnel, and securing the greatest possible cooperation in every quarter."

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS. Notable recommendations to congress for the enactment of additional legislation to facilitate and extend the operations of the postal service are made. Among the more important are the following:

"That the postoffice department guaranty fund established and maintained by congress be increased to \$10,000,000."

"That the postoffice department be given exclusive jurisdiction over the selection of the sites for public buildings to be used wholly for postoffice purposes, and joint authority with the secretary of the treasury in the selection of sites for federal buildings to be used jointly by the postal and other branches of the government service."

"To amend existing law in order to allow \$2000 indemnity for accidental death of any officer or employee of the postal service, or for death within one year. Provision is also made for leave, with full pay, for injuries sustained."

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AERIAL MAIL SERVICE.

"To authorize the postmaster general to contract for experimental aerial mail service, for which an estimate of \$50,000 has been submitted."

"To permit the postmaster general to transfer clerks from postoffices of the first and second classes to the railway mail service, at salaries higher than the entrance salary in the railway mail service. The purpose of this legislation is to bring about an interchange personnel between the railway mail service and the postoffice service."

"Issuance of postal money orders payable at any money order office."

"Removal of the limitation on the amount of postal savings deposits with the proviso that interest shall not be paid on more than \$1000."

"The report indicates that the growth of the parcels post business has been phenomenal."

"It is believed," says the postmaster general, "that the parcels post should be made eventually to serve the people as fully and completely as possible without interfering with the efficient conduct of the postal service."

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In conclusion, Postmaster General Burleson points out that the postoffice department is essentially a business institution, which touches every home in the land. A high standard of efficiency is demanded of all postal employees, and he says that he will require from every postmaster his individual attention to the affairs of his office and that this requirement will be rigidly enforced.

"For this reason," he says, "the system should be adhered to in the postoffice department above all others in order to secure the very highest standard of efficiency in the conduct of its affairs."

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Baruch & Co.	2051	100	1.00
Baruch & Co.	2052	100	1.00
Baruch & Co.	2053	100	1.00
Baruch & Co.	2054	100	1.00
B. Bassett	2055	100	1.00
Eleanor Bell	2056	100	1.00
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